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1113 BROADWAY
HIGHLAND, IL 62249



BACK TO SCHOOL FUN FACTS

- 480,000 yellow school buses transport 25 million children to school everyday
- The smell of crayons is the 18th most recognizable scent in the world
- 2.4% of children worldwide suffer from didaskaleinophobia (the fear of going to school)

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SCHOOL IS OPEN— PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY



School begins this coming week. In January of 2010 the No Cell Phones in School Zone act went into effect.

The act is very specific; “A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone.”

All drivers, of all ages, are banned from texting.

Regardless of whether or not it is illegal for you to use a cell phone while driving, it's important to be cautious when making calls. Distracted driving is a significant safety hazard.

Iberg Road Extension

On Tuesday the bids for the final phase of the northeast peripheral route, the Iberg Road Extension, were opened. A total of nine bids were received, ranging from a low of \$6,570,061.42 to a high of \$8,892,738.28. After the bids are reviewed, Director Gillespie will make a recommendation to award a contract to the City Council at their meeting on August 19. If all goes well, a preconstruction meeting will follow and the construction should begin this fall.

This project will extend Iberg Road from Michael Road to Troxler Avenue. Similar to the northwest route there will be traffic and bicycle lanes, curb and gutter, and a multiuse path. Unlike any other project that the city has undertaken, this project will build a bridge over the railroad tracks, rather than constructing a new at grade crossing.

Construction is expected to be completed in the summer of 2015.